GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2336
ANSWERED ON:03.12.2002
ANGANWADI WORKERS
DINESH CHANDRA YADAV;GAJENDRA SINGH RAJUKHEDI

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the prescribed educational qualification for the appointment of an anganwadi worker in urban area is High School;

(b) if so, whether such a qualification is not prescribed in the rural areas;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) the action being taken by the Government to uniformally apply the educational qualification in the urban and rural areas;

(e) whether a national committee under the Department of Women and Child Development has been constituted by the Central Government to review the terms and conditions of and the work being done by the Anganwadi workers and helpers and to identify such Ministries/Departments/States which agree to give additional wages to them under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme (ICDS);

(f) if so, whether the said committee has submitted its report to the Government; (g) if so, the details thereof; and (h) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. RITA VERMA)
(a),(b),(c)&(d) No minimum educational qualification has been prescribed for employment as Anganwadi Worker under the ICDS Scheme.

(e),(f),(g)&(h) Yes, Sir. The recommendations of the National Committee set up in August 1998 to review benefits/facilities provided to Anganwadi Workers and Anganwadi Helpers under ICDS Scheme, include enhancement of honorarium of Anganwadi Workers and Helpers; maternity leave benefits at par with women employees of organised sectors; community contribution for raising their remuneration; scheme of Awards to dedicated Anganwadi Workers and Helpers; setting up of Anganwadi Workers' Welfare Fund and provision for contributory Group Insurance by the State Governments.
Many State Governments viz. Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal, Goa, Punjab, Tripura and Union Territory Administration of Chandigarh, A&N Island, Lakshadweep, Pondicherry and NCT of Delhi are providing additional honorarium to Anganwadi Workers and Helpers ranging from Rs.200 to Rs.1000 and from Rs.40 to Rs.400 per month, respectively. Performance-linked additional honorarium at the rate of Rs.50/- per month has been provided under nutrition component of PMGY. Anganwadi Workers and Helpers have been allowed paid absence of 135 days on maternity. Scheme of Awards to dedicated Anganwadi Workers has been introduced.